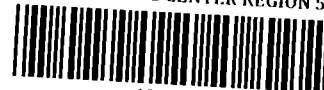




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Ms. Sheila Desai  
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region V  
77 West Jackson Boulevard (SR-6J)  
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Dear Ms. Desai:

Re: Monthly Progress Report - May 2013  
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property Operable Unit No. 7  
Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site  
Allegan and Kalamazoo County

As required by Task 8, Progress Reports in the Statement of Work of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property, please find attached three copies of the Progress Report No. 79 for the period of May 1, 2013 through May 31, 2013.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

CONESTOGA-ROVERS & ASSOCIATES

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**Progress Report No. 79  
May 1, 2013 to May 31, 2013**

**Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study  
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property  
Plainwell, Michigan**

This progress report is being submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in accordance with Task 8: Progress Reports and the Schedule for Major Deliverables contained in the Statement of Work for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), pursuant to the terms of the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit No. 4 and the Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property (Site) Operational Unit No. 7 of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Consent Decree), which became effective February 22, 2005.

**1. Work Performed**

- Participated in conference call on May 6, 2013 with representatives from U.S. EPA, MDEQ and Weyerhaeuser regarding the April 2013 submittals relative to the draft FS Report, including the draft preliminary Ecological Remedial Action Objectives (RAOs) and supporting documentation, draft preliminary Site-specific risk-based criteria for arsenic for direct contact/ingestion/inhalation exposure to soil and supporting documentation, memorandum presenting an evaluation of Michigan Act 451, Part 201 Groundwater-Surface Water Interface Criteria and Drinking Water Criteria exceedances at the Site, and draft Assembled Alternatives Array.
- Submitted Alternate Submittal Date Request to U.S. EPA for the FS Report on May 10, 2013. Approval for the proposed alternate submittal date was provided by U.S. EPA in correspondence dated May 16, 2013.
- Submitted preliminary draft figure depicting areas that exceeded specific Michigan Act 451, Part 201 Generic Cleanup Criteria in soil to U.S. EPA on May 24, 2013.
- Continued development of Feasibility Study Report.

**2. Data Received**

- None.

**3. Modifications to Work Plans or Other Schedules  
Proposed to, or Approved by, the U.S. EPA**

- None.

**4. Problems Encountered and Planned Resolution**

- None.

**5. Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period**

- Removal of investigation-derived waste generated during the MW-16 and Additional RI Activities investigation.
- Completion and submittal of the FS Report.

**6. Anticipated Development with Work during the Next Period**

- None.

**7. Other Relevant Information**

- None.